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FUNCTIONING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in the Country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals received from the States and the exchanges set up in the Country,during the last three year and current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set any target regarding setting up of remaining exchanges in the country;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Sir,number of telephone exchanges functioning in MTNL during the last three years and the current year is :

As on	No. of Exchanges (all inclusive PSTN, GSM, CDMA)	
	Delhi	Mumbai
31.03.06	336	186
31.03.07	336	198
31.03.08	342	206
30.09.08	343	206

Details of exchanges functioning in BSNL during the last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) The number of exchanges set up in MTNL during the last three years and the current year is:

As on	No. of Exchanges (all inclusive PSTN, GSM, CDMA)	
	Delhi	Mumbai
2005-06	3	10
2006-07	0	15

2007-08 6 8

2008 up to 30.9.08 1 2

Details of exchanges set up in BSNL during the last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(c)&(d) Yes Sir.In BSNL enough landline switching capacity is available to provide telephone connections on demand in most of the cases.New exchanges are being opened on need basis and continuous augmentation is being done.However,in MTNL tentative switching commissioning programme for the year 2008-09 for Delhi and Mumbai unit is given at annexure-III and annexure-IV respectively.